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For: HOLLOW CATHODE TARGET AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated September 8, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before December 8, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.